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-G.O. No. 665

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[Despatch Abstract.]

H.W. Pamphlet on Hanjam adjus-
tre paration M/s — particulars forwarded.

Copy of letter No.3(31)-Pub/51, dated the 24th April, 1951, from the Deputy Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, New Delhi, addressed to All State Governments (Part A, B and C),.

Express Letter

This Ministry is engaged in collecting information for a pamphlet on Harijan Welfare under the Present Govts. and also during the time of popular Govts. in the years 1937-39. It is therefore requested that if the State Govts. have no objection, information on the following points may kindly be furnished to the Director, Publications Division, Old Secretariat, Delhi 8, of this Ministry under intimation to us.

1. Details of legislative, administrative and executive measures connected with or having a bearing on Harijan Welfare during the last four years.

2. Special concessions and privileges granted to Harijans.
3. Names of Harijan Ministers.
4. Names of Harijans occupying high posts under the Govt.

5. Total number of Harijans employed by the State. The proportion of Harijans in the services now and before independence.

6. Number of Harijan scholars in schools, colleges and technical institutes. Total number of scholarships available and the number awarded to Harijans. Position before independence.

7. Number of Harijan newspapers now and before independence.

8. Harijan uplift activities of the popular Ministries between 1937-39.

I am to add that if information on all the points required is not readily available, such parts of it which are available may be furnished immediately and other details in due course.

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Copy of Govt. Letter No.21420 R.W.IV/51-76 dated the 17th May 195

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SUB: PAMPHLET ON HARIJAN WELFARE - Preparation of.

REF: Lr. from the Govt. of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, No.3(31).Pub/51 dated 24-4-51.

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I am directed to refer to the letter from the Govt. of India cited and to enclose the following literature relating to the uplift of Harijans in this State.

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(1) Pamphlet on 'Harijan Uplift' published in 1938.
(2) Pamphlet on 'Harijan Uplift' published in 1947.
and
(3) The report of the Harijan Welfare Committee, Madras.

I am to add that this Govt. have now got ready a complete account of 'Harijan Uplift' in this State, and it will be publishd as a pamphlet shortly. Copiesof this pamphlet will be forwarded to India for information soon after its publication. A manuscript copy of it is enclosed for information.

2. As regards the several points specifically raised in the letter cited, I am to furnish below such particulars as are readily available. Other details will be furnished as early as possible.

Point 1: (i) Legislative measures: The legislative measures with which this State is concerned are:

1. Removal of Civil Disabilities Act, 1938 (Act XXI of 1938 as amended by Act XI of 1947)

2. The Madras Temple Entry Authorization Act of 1947.

The first Act aims at giving the Harijans, Untouchables or Depressed Classes equal rights, amenities and other privileges which have been denied to them by social custom or usage. The latter Act authorises them to enter public Hindu temples and offer worship therein

(ii) Administrative and executive measures:

Shortly after the popular Govt. came into power, the Govt. set apart one crore of ruppes for Harijan Uplift in addition to the normal increasing provision made in the budget year by year. A special committee called the Provl. Harijan Welfare Committee was constituted in 1947 to prepare a scheme for the utilisation of the spl. fund. Though it is a standing committee intended to advise the Govt on all matters regarding Harijan Welfare, it was also asked.

1. To formulate a five-year plan for Harijan Welfare in all the Directions such as providing free house-sites, fresh water wells, sanitary facilities etc. and to draw up an immediate scheme forthe utilisation of the sum of one crore of ruppees set apart for H.W.WORK;

2. to put forward suggestions regarding improvements to the H.W. WOrk undertaken by the Labour Deptt. (now H.W.Deptt.);

3. to enquire into and report on the progress of the enforcement ofthe legislative measures in this field;

and

4. to examine the possibility of extending the work of the Labour Deptt. in regard to harijans to other Backward communities.

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The report of the Committee was received and examined. The Govt. then passed orders implementing the recommendations of the Committee. Pursuant to these orders, the work relating to Harijan Welfare which was hitherto attended to by the Commr. of Labour has now been transferred to a newly formed separate Deptt. called the Deptt. of Harijan Welfare with a Director as its head. The Director is assited by two Dy. Directors at headquarters who are Senior Dey. Collrs. For speedy and efficient disposal of the work in the dts., the D.W.Os. (previously designated as D.L.Os) who were recruited from among Dy. Tahsildars have now been upgraded. In 8 heavy districts, Dy. Collrs. have been posted as D.W.Os and in the rest of the districts excluding Madras, senior Tahsildars have been appointed A special staff has been sanctioned to work under them. The D.W.O are under the immediate control of the Collrs. of the respective districts. The Govt. have constituted D.H.W.Committees consisting of non-official gentlemen including local M.L.As. who are experienced in social welfare work, to increase the range and effectiveness of the work done by H.W.Dpet.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE: Owing to their extreme poverty, Harijans are generally unable to secure legal aid for either defending themselves in proceedings launched against them by the other classes or in conducting cases launched by themselves. The Government have considered the question of giving legal aid to them and have decided that the Collrs. should be given discretion to bring to the notice of Govt. deserving cases, where sanction of legal aid by Govt., is considered necessary, apart from the assistance provided for in Rule 157 of criminal Rules of Practice.

HARIJAN DAY CELEBRATIONS: With a view to educate the general public and make them realise the imperative need for the removal of 'Untouchability' and other disabilities and also to popularise the measures undertaken for the uplift of the Harijans, the Govt. have organised the celebration of the 'Harijan Day' on the 30th of every month except in February when it is held on the 27th in every taluk and village of the State. This is gradually yielding good and even remarkable results.

Point 2: Special concessions and privileges to Harijans:

THE following are the special concessions and privileges granted;

1. Relief of congestion by provision of house-sites;
2. Organisation and supervision of Co-op. societies and the grant of loans;
3. Opening of schools, supply of midday meals to the children of eligible communities reading in Ely. Schools, grant ofscholarships, stipends, boarding grants etc., and giving educational concessions;
4. Pfovision of sanitary amenities in villages such as wells, tanks, pathways, burial or burning grounds etc .
5. Giving grants to private agencies employed on the social and economic uplift of the eligible communities;

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6. Assignment of lease of lands for cultivation.

Special attention is paid to the provision of house sites and educational facilties.

The Govt. have also sanctioned the following concessions with a view to encourage the education of the Harijan pupils.

1. Full fee concessions to pupils belonging to Harijan and other eligible communities studying in secondary schools and colleges for a period of 10 years from 1948-49;

2. The retention of the benefit of scholarships and boarding grants for one failure in the same class;

3. The pupils need not ordinarily produce poverty certificate;

and

4. Grant of full fee concession to all Harijan Pupils in elementary and higher elementary schools irrespective of the income of their parents.

Point 3: Names of Harijan Ministers;

Late Sri M.C.Raja was the first Harijan Minister in the interim Govt. from 1-6-37 to the middle of July, 1937. Sri V.I.Muniswami Pillai was the Harijan Minister when the Congress Ministry came into power in 1937 until the Ministry laid down office in October, 1939. Sri V. Kurmayya was appointed as the Minister in charge of Harijan Welfare when the Congress formed the Govt. In April 1946 and he continued to hold the office till March, 1949. From April 1949 Hon'ble Sri B.Parameswaran is the Harijan Minister in the Cabinet holding the portfolio of Harijan Uplift.

Post 8: Harijan Uplift activities of the popular Ministries from 1937-39

The activities of the popular Ministries in regard to Harijan Uplift are set out in the pamphlet on Harijan Uplift published in 1938. The most important item is the passing of the special Acts in the first Congress Govt. under the guidance of Rajaji, then the premier of this State. The Madras Temple Entry (Authorisation & Indeminity) Act which authorised the Harijans to enter and worship in the public temples was passed then. Another forward step was taken in the month of August, 1938, in connection with the emancipation of the scheduled classes. The passage through the Legislative Assembly, Madras, of the bill to remove the disabilities among certain castes of Hindus is an even of considerable importance.

The Bill was passed into law in 1938, the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act, 1938 (Act XX of 1938).

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Copy of Govt. letter No.21420 RW.IV/51-21, dated 18-9-51. to the Director, Publications Dvn., Old Secretariat, New Delhi.

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SUB: PAMPHLET ON 'HARIJAN WELFARE' - Preparation of.

REF: Your Lr.No.3(31) Pub/51 dated 24-4-51.
This Dept. Lr.No.21420 IV/51-4, dated 17-5-51.

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In continuation of this Govt.'s letter cited, I am directed to enclose a copy of the pamphlet referred to in para 1 of that letter. Information on points 4 to 7 mentioned in your letter cited above and also additional information on other points is given below:

Point 2: Special concessions and Privileges granted to Harijans.

At the time of introduction of controls over textiles (cloth and yarn) and when licences were granted to dealers, instructions were issued to Collrs. to receive applications from Harijans even after the due date and consider them even if the No. of licences fixed for the dt. was slightly increased thereby. This concession would have enabled many Harijans to get licences under the Madras Cloth (Dealers) Control Order and the Madras Yarn (Delaers) Control Order, 1948.

The Govt. have been giving grants to co-op. societies for Harijans and other backward communities at the rate of Rs.5/-p.m. for each society, in order to enable them to pay remuneration to persons employed to write up their accounts. The Govt. have increased for 1949 the annual grants for this purpose from Rs. 3,000/- p.a. to Rs . 30,000/- The R.C.S. has been instructed to help the people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for the formation of various types of co-op. societies, milk supply societies, palm jaggery societies, fishermen societies, housesite societies, land colonisation societies, cottage industries societies, etc. Interest free loans are being granted to the members of the milk supply societies, for the purchase of milch animals and sub sidies to meet their estt. and other charges. The members of these societies are exempted from the payment of fees for the registration of their documents and for obtaining encumbrance certificates. Poor and homeless Harijans are given house sites free of cost. Opportunities are provided for societies composed of fishermen and Harijans to obtain leases of inland fisheries without public auction at rates not exceeding the average rental for 5 previous years. There were 2,679 societies on 30-6-50 for Harijans and members of Backward Communities. Their memberships was 1,88,750 with a paid up share capital of 10.35 lakhs. Besides this, 98,084 persons belonging to these communitieis were members of 5,856 other credit societies. They had a share capital of 5.48 lakhs. The societies exclusively formed for these people cheaply provided credit facilities to their members and after the introduction of

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prohibition, they are devoting spl. attention to the promotion of thrift, among their members. Some of the societies arrange for the distribution of the domestic requirements of their members on the joint purchase system to the value of Rs. 2.22. lakhs. Cottage industries such as tanning and leather goods manufacture, pottery, basket making, coir rope manufacture, forest coupe operation, mat-weaving and similar crafts are mostly pursued by the Chukklers and members of Backward Communities in this State. Co-operative societies have been organised to improve their economic conditon. These societies assist their members in the purchase of raw materials in bulk and in finding profitable markets for their finished products. Advances are also issued to the workers against the goods supplied by them for sale. By grant of subsidies for the purchase of equipment and by meeting the cost of estt. in the initial stages and by free services of departmental staff wherever necessary, this Government have been encouraging these societies. Spl. allotment of iron and steel are made to co-op. societies consisting of Harijans engaged in the manufacture of agril. implements..

The Govt. have ordered that specified areas in a block of forest coupes, i.e., small timber fuel and minor forest produce may be leased to Harijans and Backward Classes of the localities at a rate ~~of~~ equal to the average of the revenue derived in respect of the coupes during the previous 5 years provided they form themselves into co-op. society for the purpose.

The Govt. have sanctioned a scheme for the free supply of tools to the Harijans in the firkas selected for intensive Rural Reconstructon work who are enterprising artisans in basic trades like blacksmithy, carpentry, metal work, etc.

Harijans are being selected as ration shop-keepers whenever they come forward. They have to pay only Rs. 50/- as against a deposit of Rs.200/- paid by others. One of the conditions for the grant of a licence under the Food grains Control Order is that one should have been in the food-grains business at any time prior to 22-6-42. This rule is waived in the ase of genuine applicants from among the Harijans.

While B.A. or B.Sc. is the minimum educational qualification for the selection ~~in~~ of reserve sub-registrars for other communities Harijan candidiates possessing Intermediate certificate are eligible for the said post. In the Commercial Tax Dept. the age limit for appointment to the category of Commercial Tax Officer and A.C.T.Officer by direct recruitment from Harijans is fixed at 30 years Particulars regarding other special concessions and privileges admissible to the Harijans in the matter of appointment to Public services the enumerated in Annexure III.

An area of about 3,000 acres of apnchayat forests in Bellary dt. is being cultivated by Harijans and others under the G.M.F.

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In Upputteru Reserved Forest of W.Godavari, an area of about, 1,700 acres has been leased to Bondada Lanka Field Labour classes society which is formed of Depressed and other labour classes.

Point 4; The information is given in the annexure I to this letter.

Point 5: Total No. of Harijans employed in the State, the proportion of Harijans in the services now and before Independence.

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The total No. of Harijans employed in the State based on the information so far availbale is 8,750. This does not include particulars in respect of some depts. Information in respect of these depts. will be furnished separately. Information regarding the proporation of Harijans in services now and before Independence will be found in Annexure II to this letter.

Point 6: No. of Harijan scholars in schools, colleges and technical institutes; total no. of scholarships available and the No. awarded to Harijans; position before Independence.

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There are 5,28,745 Harijan scholars in this State. A high percentage of scholarships go to the Harijans.

Point 7: No. of Harijan newspapers now and before Indepdnence.

There are at present 6 Harijan newspapers against 5 before Independence.

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ANNEXURE I.

Name of the officer.	Designation.
1. Sri J.Sivanandam, I.A.S.	Secy., L.A. Dept.
2. Sri V.Balasundaram, I.A.S.	Dy. Secry. Labour dept. G.O.I.
3. Sri C.Ramachandran, I.A.S.	Collr., Chittoor.
4. Sri D.R.Sundaram, I.A.S.	Spl. Duty, Hyderabad.
5. Sri G.E.Muthirulandi.	Dy. Commr., Civil Supplies.
6. Sri A. Dorairaj.	Collr. Salem.
7. Sri A. Venkatesan, I.A.S.	Sub-Collr. Tindivanam.
8. Sri K.Gopal, M.A.	Spl. Asst. to the Registrar of Jt.Stook Companies.
9. Sri A.M.Tholamani Devar 10. Sri K.Rama Gowda.	Propationary Asst. Conservator of Forests. (now deputed for Superior Forest Course at the Indian Forest College, Dehra-DuN)
11. Sri M.C.Chellam.	Spl. Officer, Artificial Insemination, Madras.
12. Sri S.C.Nayak	Superintending Engineer.

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13.	Sri M.Mathuranayagam.	Co-op. Dept.
14.	" V.Murugesam.	"
15.	" N.Jagannathan.	"
16.	" P.Sundaram.	"
17.	Dr. M.C.Perumal.	Health Officer.
18.	Sri S.Sundaramurthi	R.T.O.
19.	" N.Dakshinamurthi	"
20.	" N.Muthakrishnan	"
21.	" P.Kandaswamy	D.S.P.
22.	" M.Singaravelu	"
23.	" A.Sathanandam.	"
24.	" M.Rama Doss	Dy. S.P.
25.	" R.K. Munuswamy	"
26.	" M.Balasundaram.	"
27.	" A. Murugesan	"
28.	" R. Kalliyappan	Asst. Commandant (Spl)
29.	" V.V.Manoharan.	Armed Police.
30.	" C. Doraiswamy	Supdt., Borstal School.
31.	" P.K.Pusparaj	Ag.Sub Judge (on other duty under the G.O.I.) Ministry of Labour
32.	" E.Adikesavan	"
33.	" A.Varadarajan	Dt. Munsiff.
34.	" R.Jai Prasad	Asst. Dt. Munsiff.
35	" P.Gopalakrishna	"
36.	" P.Muthuswamy.	P.A. to the Principal, School of Arts and crafts.
37.	" V.RAma Rao	Dt. Agril. Officer.
38.	" K. Subba Rao	-do
39.	" R.Seshagiri	Dy. Commr. Prohibition.
40.	" M.Venkataswamy.	Dt. Registrar.
41.	" S.Govinda Rao	-do- on probation.
42.	" R.S.Malayappan.	Spl. Agency Dev. Officer.
43.	" R.Subramaniam.	D.W.O
44.	" V.Balasundaram.	Dy.Secy., Labour Dept. G.O.I.
45.	" N.Krishnaswamy	P.A.To Collr., Madurai.
46.	" P.Shanker Rao.	Dy. D.H.W.
47.	" P.Ethiraj	T.D.C., Trichy.
48.	" P.Sankaran.	R.D.O.
49.	" J.Kumaresan	"
50.	" B.Nageswara Rao	Probationary Dey. Collr. under training
51.	" P.Kandaswamy	"
52.	" D.Krishna	"
53.	" Y.Narayanamurthi	"
54.	" G.Thirumal	"
55.	" K.Chandrayya	"
56.	" Soorayya	"
57.	" L-Subbayya	"
58.	" S.Krishnamurthi	C.T.O.
59.	" A.V.R.Singaravelu Pillai	"
60.	" A.Padmanabhan	-do- under training.
61.	Dr. R.S.Kesava Raj	Civil Surgeon.
62.	Sri C.B.Ethiraj	-do-
63.	Sri K.Raghavalu	Civil Asst. Surgeon.
64.	Sri D.M.Lingiah	do-
65.	Sri G.Seshayya	-do-
66.	K.Mahalingam.	do-
67.	Kumari B.Mukambu	-do-

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ANNEXURE II.

Name of the office.		Percentage of Harijans employed.	
		Before Independence.	Now.
		...	...
D.P.H.	Non-gazetted.	1	5
	Inferior	1	4
Factories Dept.	Non-gazetted	1	1
	Inferior	3	4
D.I. and C.		Percentage is not increased after independence	
Prohibition Dept		0.7.	5.6
I.G. of Regn. -cial Commer/Tax Dept -	After Independence the percentage is higher.		
	.08	1.6.	3.1
I.L.B.	18	6	7
D.M.S.		17.8	19.8.
P.W.D.		2.28	2.34
D.P.I.		1-6	2.6
R.C.S		2	3

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
RURAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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LETTER Ms.No.665. DATED THE 14TH JUNE 1952.

To

The Director, Publications Division, Old Secretariat,
NEW DELHI.

SUB: HARIJAN WELFARE - Pamphlet on 'Harijan Welfare' - Preparation of - Particulars furnished.

REF: Lr.No.3/31 Pub/51, dated 24-4-51 from the Govt. of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
This Govts' Lr. No.21420/RW.IV/51-21, dated 18-9-51.

In continuation of this Govt's letter cited, I am directed to furnish the following additional information.

Point 2: Special concessions and privileges granted to Harijans.

In the schools under the control of the Department of Fisheries, free education is imparted to Harijans. Books and slates are supplied to them freely in these schools.

Point 5: Total No. of Harijans employed by the State, the proportion of Harijans in the services now and before independence.

A statement showing the No. of Harijans working in various cadres of services in the offices of the managers of estates in the State is given belwo. As this branch came into existence only after Independence the proportion of harijans in the services now and before Independence is not given.

Names of various cadres of services.	Total strength Manager's offices.		Proportion (Approximate)
	No. of Harijans.	Total strength.	
Madras Civil Service	nil	9	nil
Madras Rev. Subordinate Service.	nil	111	nil
Madras Ministerial Service	ø 8	1003	8%
Madras Inferior Service	34	1103	3.09%
Madras Forest Service	62	518	12-6%
Village Estt.	177	221	80%
Nirganties and Minor Irrigation staff.	4	74	5.5.%
Engineering taff	nil	2	nil
Copyist	1	1	100%
Survey	nil	2	nil
Engineering staff	nil	4	nil

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The No. of Harijans employed in the Department of H.W. and Dept. of Fisheries is given below. These are in addit on to the figures already fur furnishd.

Deoartment of Fisheries.	= 40
Dept. of Harijan Welfare	= 1030
Deot. of I.L.B.	= 102

The No. of harijans employed in the offices of the I.E.B. and D.H.W. before and after independence are as under:

	Before	After
I.L.B.	...	39
D.H.W.	780	1030

Point 6:

In the secondary schools maintained by 7 municipal councils and 19 Dt. Boards there are 12,730 Harijan scholars of whom 5,936 are allowed full fee concession. The total no. of scholarships available for students in schools maintained by local bodies was 1,840 and of these 1,733 were awarded to Harijans. In these schools, before the attainment of Independence there were 1,351 harijan scholars of whom 1339 were given full fee concession and the total No. of scholarships available and awarded was 11. As regards elementary education, in 1 dt. Board and 3 municipalities there were 3396 harijan scholars of whom 165 were given full fee concession .

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Secretary to Govt.

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